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Re: Appointment of Assistant State Fire Marshal

I am pleased to announce that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the following appointment:

Kate Dargan, 46, of Napa, has been appointed assistant state fire marshal. She is currently Napa County Fire Marshal and was the division chief for cooperative fire protection in 2001. Previously, Dargan was division chief of Sacramento Headquarters of Cooperative Fire Protection. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$106,548. Dargan is a Democrat.

Kate recently co-chaired the Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards Advisory Committee for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. She has been an active member of the California Fire Chiefs Association Fire Prevention Officers (North). She serves on the Watershed Board for Napa County. She has 26 years experience as a firefighter for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF).

Kate is married to Tom Berry, a retired CDF Deputy Chief. They have 3 sons. She enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking, running, golfing, and sailing.

Please feel free to extend your congratulations to her. She will be an valued member of the CDF/Office of the State Fire Marshal management team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Grijalva".

**RUBEN GRIJALVA
State Fire Marshal**